COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to:

- (1) require any incident or request involving the delivery of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services by a local fire and rescue department or the Division of Fire and Rescue Services to be reported to the Fire and Rescue Service in a manner prescribed by the Fire and Rescue Commission;
- (2) require the Fire Administrator or the Administrator's designee to be the custodian of each report submitted;
- (3) release the local fire and rescue departments from the obligation to maintain any report after it is submitted to the Fire and Rescue Service; and
- (4) generally amend the laws governing reporting of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

By amending

Montgomery County Code Chapter 22, Fire Safety Code Section 22-8

Boldface	Heading or defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law by original bill.
[Single boldface brackets]	Deleted from existing law by original bill.
Double underlining	Added by amendment.
[[Double boldface brackets]]	Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.
* * *	Existing law unaffected by bill.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 22-8 is amended as follows:

22-8. Report of [fires] Fire and Rescue Incidents.

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[[(4)]] (3)

(a) Every fire shall be reported in writing to the department of fire and 3 rescue services by the officer in whose jurisdiction such fire has 4 occurred.] [[Each incident involving the delivery of, or a request to 5 deliver, fire, rescue or emergency medical services, by the] The 6 Division of Fire and Rescue Services [[or]] and any local fire and rescue 7 department[[,]] must [[be reported]] report each incident involving the 8 9 delivery of, or a request to deliver, fire, rescue or emergency medical services, to the Fire and Rescue Service in a manner prescribed by the 10 Fire and Rescue Commission [[by regulation or Commission policy]]. 11 [Such report shall be in such form as shall be prescribed by the director 12 and shall contain a statement of facts relating to] Each report must 13 14 include: the cause, origin, and circumstances of [such] any fire, and (1) 15 [[(2)]] any factors contributing to [the] its spread [of fire][[,]]; 16 [[(3)]](2)the nature and extent of any personal injury or illness[[,]]; 17 18 [to persons and extent of damage thereof,]

details of any hazardous materials incident[[,]]; and

20	[[(5)]] (4) [such] any other information [as may be required] that the	
21	Commission requires. [Reports shall be submitted in accordance	
22	with the schedule prescribed by the director.]	
23	[[(b) [Fires] Any fire of incendiary or suspicious nature[, of] or undetermined	
24	cause, or where loss of life or serious injury occurs [shall] must be	
25	reported immediately to the [division of fire prevention] bureau of life	
26	safety services.]]	
27	[[(c)]] (b) The Fire Administrator, or the Administrator's designee, is the	
28	custodian of each report submitted under this Section.	
29	[[(d)]] (c) A local fire and rescue department need not maintain any report	
30	after it is submitted under this Section.	
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	Michael L. Subin, President, County Council Date	
33	Approved:	
34	/S/ 10/13/00	
	Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive Date	
35	This is a correct copy of Council action.	
36	/S/ 10/16/00	
	Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council Date	